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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OPENS BIDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN LINCOLN COUNTY

LITTLE ROCK (3-27) -- The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department has opened bids for improvements to a roadway in Lincoln County, according to Arkansas State Highway Commission Chairman R. Madison Murphy of El Dorado.

The purpose of the project is to pave approximately eight miles of the extension of Interstate 530. Graves and Associates, Inc. of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, was awarded the contract at \$32,180,377.50.

"This project is one of numerous projects that are extending Interstate 530 southward beyond Pine Bluff and will eventually serve as the new four-lane connector between Pine Bluff and the Warren/Monticello area," stated Murphy. Two lanes of the ultimate four-lane road are being paved.

"This project will begin at Highway 212 and continue southward to Highway 11, near Cornerville," Murphy added.

Work could begin on the project in two to four weeks, weather permitting. Completion is expected in late 2014.

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